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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE: MESSAGE FROM
NORTHERN IRELAND MAYORS

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ULSTER-AMERICAN FOLK PARK IN
COUNTY TYRONE, NORTHERN IRELAND (NI), HAS ADVISED
CONGEN BELFAST THAT SEVERAL NI MAYORS AND DISTRICT
COUNCIL CHAIRMEN FROM AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH SCOTCH-
IRISH IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. WISH TO SEND THEIR
GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHILE HE IS VISITING
BRITAIN. TEXT OF THEIR
PLANNED MESSAGE FOLLOWS:
QTE - AS YOU VISIT THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE FIRST
PRESIDENT OF THE U.S., WE SEND YOU GREETINGS, MR.
PRESIDENT, FROM THE HOMELAND OF YOUR OWN ANCESTORS AND
OF SO MANY OTHER PRESIDENTS OF ULSTER ORIGIN TOO. THIS
ULSTER-AMERICAN FOLK PARK AT WHICH WE ARE ASSEMBLED
TODAY WAS DEDICATED LAST YEAR AS PART OF THE AMERICAN
BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM. IT COMMEMORATES THE NOTABLE PART
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PLAYED BY EMIGRANTS FROM HERE OF ALL RELIGIOUS DENOMI-
NATIONS AND ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
YOUR COUNTRY AND EMPHASIZES OUR PRIDE IN THE FAMILY
LINKS THAT BIND US TO AMERICA. WE JOIN WITH ALL YOUR
FRIENDS ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC IN WISHING YOU
EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR PRESENT MISSION AND STRENGTH AND
COURAGE IN THE YEARS AHEAD TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF

YOUR GREAT OFFICE. UNQTE.

2. LOCAL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INITIATIVE REPRESENT BOTH PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES IN NI, AND INCLUDE: MAYORS OF LONDONDERRY, BALLYMENA (ANCESTRAL HOME OF CHESTER ARTHUR) AND CARRICKFERGUS (ANCESTRAL HOME OF ANDREW JACKSON); AND DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMEN OF OMAGH (ANCESTRAL HOME OF JAMES BUCHANAN) AND STRABANE (ANCESTRAL HOME OF WOODROW WILSON).

3. THE PEOPLE OF ULSTER, LIKE THOSE OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC, ARE PROUD OF THEIR MANY LINKS WITH THE U.S., WHICH WERE MANIFESTED DURING VISITS TO THAT PROVINCE BY FORMER AMBASSADORS RICHARDSON AND ARMSTRONG, AND OF THE ULSTER ORIGINS OF SO MANY AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT CARTER. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT UPON RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE, THE PRESIDENT RESPOND ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:
BEGIN TEXT - I GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR KIND GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES. LIKE MOST OF MY COUNTRYMEN, I AM DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE CONTRIBUTION THAT IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND, BOTH ULSTER AND THE REPUBLIC, HAVE MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE U.S. MAY I RECIPROCATATE YOUR GREETING BY WISHING YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD. END TEXT.
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